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Miss Ball Becomes the Bride of Dr. Hilton.

YOUNG COUPLE ENTERTAINED

Friends Lavish Honors Upon Miss Colton and Lieut. Commander Davis, Who Are to Be Married Soon—Miss Roosevelt Enthusias Over Yale-Princeton Football Game.

Miss Frances Virginia Ball, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Ball, was married last evening to Mr. James Franklin Hilton at the family residence, in the presence of near relatives only, at 7 o'clock. The service was read in a room of palms and white chrysanthemums, intermingled with autumn blossoms, and Father Joseph F. McGee, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church, officiated.

The wedding gown, a beautiful pattern of Irish point lace over chiffon and silk, was cut in princess style and trimmed with pearl pommeterie. The folds of a full tulle veil, arranged with a wreath of orange blossoms, fell to the hem of the trained skirt, and the bridal bouquet was a shower of lilies of the valley and orchids. Dr. Breckinridge Bayne acted as best man, and there were two bridesmaids, Miss Catherine Hilton, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Blanche Kaldenbalk. Their dresses were of contrasting shades of pink and blue, and the bride wore a large cluster of pink chrysanthemums as carried, and white was used with the blue gown.

A large reception was held at Rauscher's from 8 to 10 o'clock. The bride's mother, Mrs. Ball, and Mrs. John Burch received with the newly married couple. Mrs. Ball wore a handsome gown of black chiffon over white satin, and Mrs. Burch wore black lace. Later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Hilton left Washington for a wedding trip, and upon their return to the city will take up their residence with the bride's mother, at 1215 Girard street.

Mrs. Hilton's traveling gown was a stylish tailored suit of black broadcloth, with which she wore a small hat of pink, trimmed with a bird of paradise in shades of yellow, and black lynx fur.

Miss Daisy Colton, daughter of Col. Francis Colton, and Lieut. Commander Archibald H. Davis, U. S. N., who are to be married Wednesday, are still the bright particular stars of many entertainments, both being extremely popular. Last night Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Francis were their hosts at dinner, but owing to illness in the family, the guests included simply the immediate wedding party.

To-night, the wedding eve, will be marked by a brilliant dinner by Miss Colton's most intimate friend, Miss Louise Foraker, the attractive daughter of the Senator from Ohio and Mrs. Foraker.

While dinners are still informal affairs and other entertainments are conspicuous for their absence, bridge continues to hold its own. At many homes evenings and afternoons are spent over the tables, and among those entertaining in this manner perhaps the most frequent are the Postmaster General and Mrs. von L. Meyer, who gather round them groups of friends almost every evening. Mrs. William Slater is also another hostess devoted to bridge and yesterday afternoon Mrs. Huff entertained a number of ladies at this popular game.

The Netherlands Minister, Mr. Jonkhoeff van Swinderen, left Washington yesterday for Mexico. He will be absent from the city a month, and upon his return, he and Mme. van Swinderen will go abroad. They will sail in January and the trip will consume the Minister's annual leave of absence. The minister's usual leave of absence was his sovereign, Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, has conferred upon him the honor and rank of chamberlain.

The Belgian Minister and Baroness Moncheur will leave Washington to-day and go to the Sharon Hill convent, near Philadelphia, where a requiem mass will be said in memory of Mile. Louise Moncheur, their little daughter, who died a year ago. The other two daughters of the Minister are at the convent.

Dr. Oswaldo Cruz, of Brazil, who has acquired fame through his connection with the sanitary experiments of his country, making a specialty of yellow fever, and who is now about to undertake the same task in other South American countries, was the guest yesterday of the Second Secretary of the Brazilian Embassy and Mme. Chermont, at their home in Eighth street. The Brazilian Ambassador entertained him at dinner Sunday evening, and will give a luncheon for him later in the week.

Senor Belencos Costa will come to the Argentine Legation in Washington to replace Senor Zavalla, who has been transferred to a post abroad. Senor Belencos is young and a bachelor.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Hobson, for many years residents of this city, but now of Prince George County, Md., will spend the winter with their son, Mr. Joseph H. Hobson, in Mobile, Ala.

Dr. Claudia Pinilla, minister of foreign affairs of Bolivia, arrived in Washington Saturday evening, and will be a guest of Minister Calderon, of Bolivia, until this evening. Dr. Pinilla was a delegate to The Hague Peace Conference. Ismael Montes, Jr., the sixteen-year-old son of the President of Bolivia, came with Dr. Pinilla.

Miss Hattie Knox is visiting Senator and Mrs. Knox in their home in K street. Senator and Mrs. Knox are expecting Mrs. Knox's sister, Mrs. Singer, of Pittsburgh, Pa., to visit them.

Mr. and Mrs. Armat Stoddard announce the marriage of their daughter, Miriam Berdin, to Dr. Stanley Herbert Titus. The wedding took place in the home of the cardinal, Baltimore, Md., the ceremony being performed by the Rev. F. C.

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Gavan, Tuesday, October 15. Dr. and Mrs. Titus have gone to their future home in Spokane, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rapley, of 1735 P street, are in New York, attending the horse show, and are stopping at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Miss Wells, of Connecticut avenue, who has as her guest Miss Tracy, of St. Louis, entertained at a small informal tea yesterday complimentary to Miss Tracy.

Maj. Cornelius De W. Wilcox, U. S. A., who was one of the officers sent to Germany to witness the army maneuvers there, has just returned with Mrs. Wilcox, and they have opened their house in Twenty-first street.

Miss Grace McMillan Jarvis, granddaughter of the late Senator McMillan, of Michigan, will be presented by her grandmother, Mrs. McMillan, at a tea December 12. Mrs. McMillan and Miss Jarvis, who are now at Hot Springs, will return to Washington Friday.

Miss Jarvis, while riding on the North Shore of Massachusetts this past summer, fainted and fell from her horse, and when the groom picked her up, it was discovered she had suffered concussion of the brain. For weeks she was too ill to leave her grandmother's home, Eaglehead, at Manchester-by-the-Sea, but recovered sufficiently to take part in the wedding of her aunt, Miss Amy McMillan, and Sir John Harrington, British Minister to Abyssinia, which was celebrated October 12.

Mr. Joel Chandler Harris, better known, perhaps, to the public as "Uncle Remus," is here with his son, J. C. Harris, Jr., and is stopping at the Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris have just announced in Atlanta, Ga., their home, the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lilian Harris, to Mr. Frederick Wagener, the wedding to take place this winter.

Mme. Gurgel do Amaral, wife of the counselor of the Brazilian Embassy, is at present traveling in Italy with her sisters and brothers, the Miles, and Messieurs Godinho, of Portugal.

At the reception and dance to be given to-night at Rauscher's, from 9 to 12, by

IMPROVING AGRICULTURE

By FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

One of the most remarkable tendencies of the times in the United States is the depletion of its great resources. Every leading industry is being developed to such an unprecedented extent that experts fear the country may be handed down to the next generation barren of the great natural resources that have made it first in the family of nations. The Geological Survey, which knows the mineral resources of the United States as a child knows its picture book, has stated that the coal supply will be exhausted, at the present rate of consumption, in less than seventy-five years; that the depletion of the natural gas supply is not a generation hence; that the petroleum of the country will cease to form the basis of a profitable industry within the memory of men now living; and that even the artesian wells are losing some of their force by the reckless waste of the water they pour out. Likewise, the Forest Service sees the complete exhaustion of the timber supply of the country within a quarter of a century.

But there is to-day one great conserving force—the farm. While every other industry is tearing down, the farmer is building up. While others are robbing the soil of its treasures, he is adding to its possibilities. Intelligent cultivation, scientific treatment, judicious fertilizing, are making the soil produce unbounded wealth, and at the same time making it more productive for the years to come. Under the stimulus of the Department of Agriculture it is going forward with a rapidity which has never been equaled in the sixty centuries during which man has earned his living by the sweat of his brow. Farms are becoming more fertile every year, and new areas are annually being added to the producing acreage.

The work of the Department of Agriculture has done and will do much for the nation. It has increased the per-acre yield of wheat from 9.3 bushels in 1866 to 15.5 bushels in 1906, which means that the farmers produced 25,000,000 bushels under 1866 conditions that they would have produced under 1906 conditions on the same number of acres. It has increased the per-acre yield of corn from 23.3 bushels in 1866 to 35.3 bushels in 1906, or 52,000,000 bushels more in the aggregate than would have been produced on the same number of acres in 1866. The money value of these two crops, taken alone, under prices prevailing last December, is \$265,000,000, thus abundantly justifying the statement of Secretary Wilson that the department has already brought about results worth hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

Great as has been the progress of the agricultural interests of the country in the past forty years, Secretary Wilson says that the department has scarcely crossed the threshold of its mission of discovery and education, and that the farmer is just awaking to the latent possibilities of the soil. The department has proved that by simply following well-understood principles of farm management the cotton growers of the country could grow a bale and a quarter to the acre where they now grow two-fifths of a bale. Were this done the cotton crop at present prices would be worth nearly \$2,000,000,000, where to-day it is worth but \$600,000,000. Secretary Wilson foresees the time, within a quarter of a century, when the corn crop per acre can be increased by one-half more to the acre within a generation, and at present quotations on the same acreage, that would mean another quarter billion dollars for the farmer. Were this done the per-acre yield of potatoes will be doubled, he thinks, is not far distant, and the same is true of tobacco, fruits, berries, and vegetables have a future too large to estimate. The canner, the fast freight, and the refrigerator car have overcome the questions of latitude, longitude, and season so effectively that the American farmer can actually supply every possible demand of the whole world.

While the department is developing the farm and its crops, it expects to further develop its animal products. Secretary Wilson thinks farmers will learn to feed more prolific breeds and strains of hogs. One-fourth of the dairy cows of the United States do not pay for their feed, and the farmer is now learning how to test the value of the products of each cow on his farm with a view to eliminating the ones that do not pay their board. If the average cow in the United States can be induced to make just five pounds of butter more each year, it will add \$200,000,000 annually to the wealth of the farm. It takes plant food out of the soil worth \$1.50 to grow a ton of wheat worth \$2. A ton of butter worth \$50 requires only 50 cents' worth of plant food for its making. If all the hogs in the country each laid a dozen more eggs last year, the increased value of the egg supply would have amounted to \$50,000,000.

Education is the key by which the department has been unlocking the un-

Beauregard Chapter, No. 1102, U. D. C., representative Daughters of the Confederacy will be present from New York and Chicago chapters, and from many of the Southern States, coming from the Norfolk U. D. C. convention. Among the ladies will be the presidents of Ohio, Tennessee, and Arkansas State divisions. The patronesses are Mrs. Seth Shepard, Mrs. Randolph McKim, Mrs. Frank C. Armstrong, Mrs. Albert Sidney Burleson, Miss Virginia Miller, and Miss Virginia Byrd Jones.

Admiral Walker, superintendent of the Naval Observatory, has gone to the Philippine Islands, where he was ordered by the Navy Department.

Miss Louise Chamberlain, of 185 Thirtieth street, is in Richmond, Va., on a visit to her brother, Henry Chamberlain.

Miss Davide Yulen Noble, daughter of Mrs. William Belden Noble, and granddaughter of the late Senator Yulen, of Florida, will be presented at a tea in her home, 761 N street, Thanksgiving Day. Miss Noble has spent the last two years abroad.

Mrs. J. W. Taylor announces the marriage of her daughter Virginia to Mr. Richard C. R. Talty, on November 18.

Mrs. Martin, wife of Pay Director John Ross Martin, will commence her "at-home" days in her home in the navy yard after December 1.

Miss Fredericks Morgan returned to Washington yesterday. She has been the guest of Miss Susanne Henning, in New York, for two weeks. Miss Henning came to Washington with Miss Morgan, and is her guest in her home in Twentieth street.

A largely attended meeting of the Columbian Women of George Washington University was held at the home of Mrs. Charles W. Richardson, 1317 Connecticut avenue, Saturday evening, November 16. Representatives of the faculty and of the several classes of the university were also present at the meeting, which was for the purpose of arranging for the benefit performance of "Lola from Berlin" at the new National Theater Monday night, November 25.

dreamed wealth of the soil, and by which even greater treasures are to be liberated in the future. The farmer must become acquainted with the soil. Though he has lived on it for generations it still needs an introduction. Some farmers are fast realizing these scientific possibilities, but the mass of them are only beginning as primary pupils in the great school of agriculture. A Virginia farmer bought a farm some years ago which was below the average in quality. The highest yield of wheat ever made on it had been twelve bushels per acre. In twenty years that farm was growing some thirty bushels of wheat to the acre, and had grown forty-four bushels in an exceptional season. When it grew twenty-five bushels of corn when he bought it, the farm has recently grown eighty-three bushels to the acre. What this farmer has done with wheat and corn he has done with his other crops, such as his horses, cattle, poultry, and hogs. His books show that with the same acreage to-day as he had then, his chicken and dairy products yield as much profit as his whole farm did when he took charge of it. What he has done is to do what every farmer should do. It is all a matter of agricultural education, and the intelligent application of this knowledge. If the average farmer can be taught to do what many farmers have done, the nation is doing to-day, it would suffice to make an annual increase in the products of the farm sufficient to purchase bodily one-half of the railroads of the United States.

This work of spreading the gospel of good farming has reached unusual proportions. Some 7,000,000 farmers' bulletins are annually printed and distributed, besides many other publications. The farmers everywhere are waking up to the value of the work the department is doing. Nearly 1,500,000 of them are annually attending the farmers' institutes that are being given in the various States. The Congressional seed distribution, so often laughed at by the city press, has a great value. A Senator sends several packages of seeds to the wife of a farmer constituting a neighbor drops in and likes the radishes or the lettuce, or the cabbage, or the tomatoes. The one who got the seeds saves them from her first year's crop, and all the other households in the neighborhood have the improved variety next year. This is not an exceptional case. It is the rule, and millions of people have eaten better radishes, milder onions, or more tender lettuce through this great seed distribution. Over seven million packages of seeds are sent out each year.

The insect and animal pests of the country annually destroy farm property worth a billion dollars. It is estimated that the Texas fever tick is fatal to cattle worth \$60,000,000, and that the Hessian fly and the joint worm may cut the value of a wheat crop even more than that. One of the principal works of the department is to aid the farmer in combating these pests. It has, so to speak, set dogs on insect pests, by bringing from remote parts of the world other insects which eat them and their eggs. Birds are also being sought which will aid in the destruction of insect pests, and many species have been found which fill this requirement. Contagious diseases are being sought that will be fatal only to rodent animals, and as soon as the experiments have proved satisfactory the virus for starting epidemics among them will be sent to farmers. Epidemics may be easily started among rabbits, as they are especially susceptible to disease. Mice, rats, ground squirrels, and prairie dogs will soon feel the brunt of the campaign which science is preparing to wage against them.

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